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William Lloyd Garrison

8- Suspected friend

In the

Will of the late Maria Marriott dec'd
is the following

"I hereby give and bequeath unto
William Lloyd Garrison in trust
for the benefit of the colored or African
race and to be expended by him in
such way as he may deem best for
their interest, Five Hundred Dollars"

The Will has been admitted to Probate
— there was apprehension at one time
that the blood akin Legates, would contest
the Will — The having in addition to the
above given for like amount to our
Orphan Asylum — beside some other
smaller amounts to other parties —

I believe that they have concluded
to let me settle the Estate agreeable
to the tenor of the Will. If so, the

above request will be paid over
at the final settlement.

Inclosed please find five
dollars for Liberator as per Bill; I
will be obliged to thee if thou wilt
get and forward to me a discharge
for the same and also discontinue
the paper hitherto sent to her address.

It occurs to me to make a few
remarks in relation to the above request
having been Maria Marriott's business
agent as well as confidential friend
since the death of her brother Charles Marriott
she expressed to me freely her wishes
— thou wilt observe by the language
made use of that she did ^{not} limit
the benefit of this bequest to those in
actual bondage, her view was that
a very large portion of those nominally
free stand in need of assistance
and the present aspect of things now
indicate that a much larger field
will be opened in that direction

Her views and intention was that
whenever any one of the race bond
or free could be benefited by the
application of a small amount - that
it should be done - and not to bestow
a very large amount in any one
direction - She leaves it however in
the words of the bequest to my own decision
and I need not enlarge upon it - but
having written out the article and
^{heard} her views thereon - thought it might
be interesting to thee to know them.

Respectfully thy friend
Aaron C. May Esq.

